--- 18 Cigarettes - Series “A” [1926] - 23 x 29 mm. - scanned at 200% scale ---

The Series “A” eighteen cigarette stamp was in use from the late 1920’s. Probably, prior to the 1932 Budget it was used on a *premium grade* of cigarette, for sale at 30¢, and following the 1932 Budget, it was retailed for 25¢ per pack.

General use of the small size, *imperforate*, Series “A” eighteen cigarette **C-334b** first occurs in the “Imperial Tobacco” collection in July 1927, and thence it appears intermittently until May 1935.

★**RC-295** - imperforate x roulette?
6-10-D / CIGARETTES / 4 1928
Imperial Tobacco, in April 1928

★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf,
6-10-D / CIGARETTES / 7 1928
Imperial Tobacco, in July 1928

I really doubt that the illustrated copy of **RC-295** is vertically roulette, as it seems to me to be simply a vertically rough cut imperforate! It was probably from a roll, and was rough cut with a dull knife in the packaging machine.

- [***from the collection of Fritz Angst***]

RC-293 - 18 cigarettes, *coarse roulette*,
mimeographed **1-10-D / 7-28**, by “Macdonald Tobacco” in July 1928

Many years ago the collection contained a copy of the *perforated 12*, eighteen cigarette stamp **RC-292** but I traded it to Ed Richardson for some “Law Library” stamps without realizing that it would be difficult to replace. The copy probably went through Lee Brandom to Bill Walton. **WANTED!**

--- 18 Cigarettes - Series “A” [1926] - Imperial Tobacco - 23 x 29 mm. ---

The Series “A” eighteen cigarette stamp was in use from the late 1920’s. Probably, prior to the 1932 Budget it was used on a *premium grade* of cigarette, for sale at 30¢ and following the 1932 Budget it was retailed for 25¢ per pack. General use of the small size, *imperforate*, Series “A” eighteen cigarette **RC-296** first occurs in the “Imperial Tobacco” collection in July 1927, and thence it appears intermittently until May 1935.

--- the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 8 copies to date ---

★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / CIGARETTES / 7 1927** by “Imperial Tobacco” in July 1927

[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1926	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1927	---	---	---	---	---	---	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	---	**12**
1928	---	**2**	---	**4***	---	---	**7**	---	---	---	---	---

--- the cancellation reads vertically up - a single copy to date ---

★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / CIGARETTES / 7 1929** by “Imperial Tobacco” in July 1927

[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1929	**1**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- the cancellation reads vertically up - 2 copies to date ---

★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / 930** by "Imperial Tobacco" in September 1930

[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1930	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**930**	---	---	---
1931	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1932	---	---	---	---	**532**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

When the Budget of 1932 decreased the excise duty on small cigarettes from $ 6.00 to $ 4.00 per thousand, "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, increased their fifteen cigarette 25¢ pack to eighteen cigarettes. To prevent their retail outlets from raising the price, Imperial overprinted **RC-296** with a 6½ mm. Roman **25c** as **RC-296a**.

★**RC-296a** - **25c** on 18 cigarettes, *imperforate*,
coded **6-10-D / BD2** by "Imperial Tobacco" in November 1932

[★RC-296a]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1932	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**BD2**	---

--- the cancellation reads vertically up - a single copy to date ---

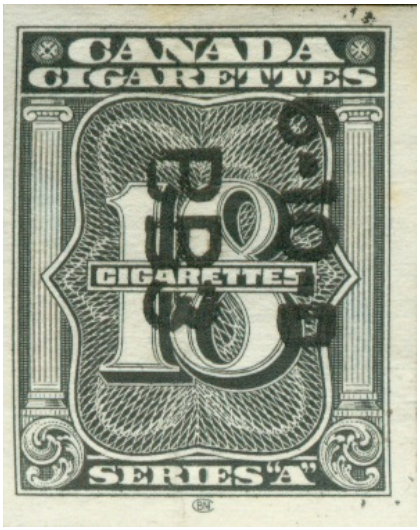
With the package price established at 25¢ the red price marking was discontinued.

★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / AA3** by "Imperial Tobacco" in January 1933

[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1933	**AA3**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- the cancellation reads vertically down - 3 copies to date ---

For stamps purchased under the Budget of 1932, the cancellation was applied reading vertically down.



★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / BB3** by "Imperial Tobacco" in May 1933

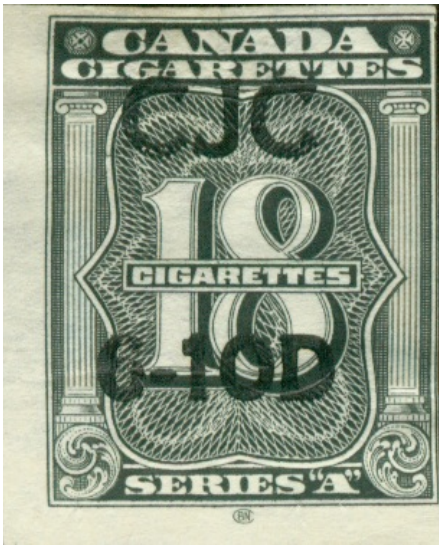
[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1933	---	---	---	---	**BB3**	---	---	---	---	**AD3**	---	---
1934	---	---	---	---	---	---	**AC4**	---	---	---	---	---

--- the cancellation reads vertically up - a single copy to date ---

★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / BFB** by "Imperial Tobacco" in May 1935

[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	---	---	---	---	BFB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1936	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1937	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1938	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- the cancellation reads horizontally upright - a single copy to date ---



★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-10-D / CJC** by "Imperial Tobacco" in September 1939

[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CJC	---	---	---

--- 18 Cigarettes - Series “A” [1926] – “Tuckett Tobacco” - 23 x 29 mm. ---

The Series “A” eighteen cigarette stamp was in use from the late 1920’s. Probably prior to the 1932 Budget it was used on a *premium grade* of cigarette for sale at 30¢, and following the 1932 Budget it was retailed for 25¢ per pack. General use of the small size, *imperforate*, Series “A” eighteen cigarette first occurs in the “Tuckett Tobacco” collection in June 1928.

--- mimeographed cancellations reading vertically down ---

★**RC-296** - 18 cigarettes, imperf, mimeographed 1-18-E / CIGARETTES / F-28 by “Tuckett Tobacco” in June 1928

[★RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1927	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1928	---	---	---	---	---	F-28	---	---	---	J-28	---	---
1929	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- 18 Cigarettes - Series “A” – “Macdonald Tobacco” - 1926-35 ---

The initial dated copy of the *coarse roulette* eighteen cigarette Series “A” was used by “Macdonald Tobacco” in June / July 1928.

RC-293 - 18 cigarettes, roulette 10, mimeographed **1-10-D / 7-28** in July 1928 - [***from the collection of Fritz Angst***]

[RC-293]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1926	---	---	---	---	---	---	**7-28**	---	---	---	---	---

--- mimeographed cancellations reading vertically down - 4 copies to date ---

RC-296 - 18 cigarettes, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D / 10-34** in October 1934

[RC-296]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1934	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**10-34**	---	---
1935	---	---	---	---	---	---	**7-35**	---	---	---	---	---
1936	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1937	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1938	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**9-39**	**10-39**	---	---

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--- mimeographed cancellations reading vertically down - a single copy to date ---

RC-294 - 18 cigarettes, rough perf 10, mimeographed **1-10-D / 6-38** in June 1928

[★RC-294]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1938	---	---	---	---	---	**6-38**	---	---	---	---	---	---

The eighteen cigarette Series “A” rough perf 10 has been simply roller cancelled in purple ink by Macdonald Tobacco. Similar rough separation occurs on the nine cigarettes “Series of 1923” and on the Series “A” fifty cigarette stamps cancelled by “Macdonald Tobacco” in the 1932 era. It would seem that this rough *double roulette* separation was applied by “Macdonald Tobacco” on sheets of the imperforate stamps, purchased prior to the Budget of 1932.

★RC-294 - 18 cigarettes, rough perf 10, roller cancelled **1-10-D**

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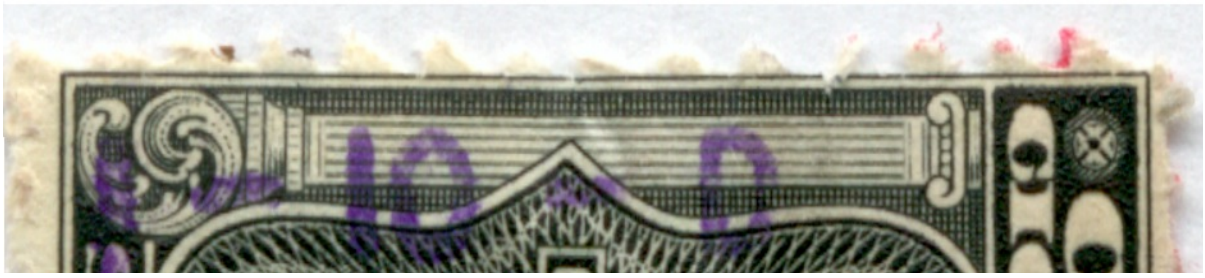

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--- 18 cigarette transfer roll and plates ---

[These paragraphs are taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the CBN cigarette roll, No. 503-XG, for the small 18 cigarette Series " A" stamp.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 1 and 2 for the eighteen cigarette Series "A" stamp. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal.

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[These 260 impression plates were probably arranged as 2 by (13 x 10) stamps - JBH]

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